**Foods Of Latin America DVD**

This educational video investigates the cuisines of several Latin American cultures, focusing on the ingredients used to prepare unique regional dishes. The video teaches students about specific regional dishes, showing them the ingredients and methods used to prepare each dish. The video explains some common foods throughout latin America and shows how regional cuisines overlap, but also showcases differences in food preferences between cultures. This DVD also teaches students about the history of some of the key ingredients and methods, helping them to better understand how regional specialty dishes originated as mix of elements from many cultures including European settlers, African slaves, and indigenous populations.

This DVD would be an excellent addition to our unit because it gives students a good overview of the cultural side of our “Food” unit. We would plan to use this DVD towards the beginning of the unit as an introduction. Though the DVD is presented in English, the content will be beneficial to students when they research and prepare regional dishes on their own and write recipes in the target language. The foods shown in this DVD may help students to select the regions or even specific dishes that they may be interested in preparing or researching for the unit. Also, by showcasing so many delicious foods, this DVD is sure to whet the appetite of our students to learn more food vocabulary in Spanish class!